



## LAKEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS HALL OF FAME

# *Proclamation*

- WHEREAS** The Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame is a tribute to men and women who have made exceptional contributions to society, achieved extraordinary success, exhibited good character and action, bringing honor and prestige to Lakewood High School. Hall of Fame inductees are recognized as outstanding role models for our students and have reached above and beyond the ordinary.
- WHEREAS** Mr. Ross Jackson, a 1986 alumnus, is formally inducted into the Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame on April 26, 2023 by the nominating committee, for excellence and dedication to the Lakewood school community.
- WHEREAS** Mr. Jackson was an honor student, excelling both in academics and athletics. Ross and his family are lifelong members of the Lakewood community, growing up and working hard on a small farm north of Lake Odessa. Ross Jackson is a man of integrity, incredible work ethic, and tireless commitment to his community. Mr. Jackson is quick to recognize and give help where it is needed, offering his time, knowledge, expertise, and philanthropy. Ross is always a spectator, leader, chaperone, and volunteer for Lakewood projects. From installing playground equipment, supervising float building, painting ticket booths, or re-roofing concession stands, Mr. Jackson is a willing participant who embodies insight, professionalism, and thoroughness so that the end result is the very best for kids and the community. Ross is tirelessly committed to ensuring that Lakewood kids have the necessary tools to achieve their potential.
- WHEREAS** He has been a supporting force and is an irreplaceable asset in the Lakewood community. Upon graduation Mr. Jackson farmed with his father, and worked for Larry Daniels in heavy equipment. He later took over the farm, acquired additional acreage, learned the trade of excavation, and eventually established his own heavy equipment business, Jackson Dirt Works, which he turned into a very successful corporation. Mr. Jackson is quick to help the schools and community with equipment, personal labor, or sponsoring students in need. He and his wife Elisa, raised three sons, all active in Lakewood athletics and in the arts. Together they have selflessly given time and financial support to the Lake Odessa Fall Festival, the Lakewood Athletic Association, Christmas Parades, Project Graduation, 4H Fairs, and local charities to name only a few. Ross was instrumental to the development of the Jordan Lake Trail. Ross plows out roads during inclement weather so that members of the community can safely commute. Mr. Jackson found and delivered the spirit rock at Lakewood High School which is a time-honored tradition for graduating classes. He and Elisa sponsored Foreign Exchange students in their home, and were quick to provide resources for homeless students, or students in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Stephen Williams, Lakewood High School Principal, do hereby proclaim that Mr. Ross Jackson be inducted in the Lakewood Public Schools Hall of Fame.